



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



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February doesn't represent Valentine's Day and a box of chocolates for everyone. February is [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month](#). The Center for Women & Families is doing great prevention work with teens in our community. Check out [Pact in Action](#)

Supporters of the legislation state: "[For every \\$1 invested in the system, \\$31 is saved](#) when a protective order is issued because there are so many costs down the line that are saved," he said. "It keeps people out of the criminal justice system."

NOTE: Teens are not the only ones affected by dating violence.

[Kentucky is now the only state](#) that does not offer some type of civil protections to victims of dating violence. If you are any age and in an abusive dating relationship **but you have never been married, do not have a child in common and have not lived together:** You do not qualify for an EPO.

Legislation has been introduced in this session of the Kentucky legislature to expand civil protections to victims in dating relationships. Something every other state has recognized as important and enacted.

How effective are Protection Orders? [Click here](#) to see.



WOMEN'S SUMMIT—MARCH 7TH

We've had a couple changes in our program. Unfortunately there was a scheduling conflict with the FBI representative. We'll have to wait until later in the year to reschedule those workshops.

However, MicroBusiness and MicroEnterprises are a hot topic in the non-profit sector—all across the globe. We'll have Louisville based non-profits that support women ([Anchal](#), [Beaded Treasures Project](#) and [FiberWorks](#)) displaying their wares. Visit their tables, find out why MicroBusiness works for their organizations.

The [Beaded Treasures Project](#) gives refugee women a chance to become entrepreneurs. The project teaches women financial literacy, jewelry making skills and marketing techniques. Like many of these enterprises, the Project offers you a unique handmade gift and your money helps build their path to self-determination.

Featured Presenter: Syvoskia Bray Pope with Community Services and Revitalization's Micro-Business Program who was recently [featured on WAVE3](#) will be joining us. When you register to attend, let us know if you have any questions for her about starting or managing a Micro-Business.

But it's not all business. We'll have an art project—bring your denim! We'll bring the paint.

For the day's activities & to register [click here](#).

NO Registration Fee but Registration is **required**.

Lunch will be Provided.

